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## INITIAL WHEAT PRICE \$1.35 FIVE-YEAR PERIOD

### Terms of Wheat Agreement Explained in Detail

#### ESTIMATE IS, WILL COVER ABOUT HALF EXPORT 1946 CROP

Contract With Britain Gives Measure of Stability to Wheat Industry

#### HANNAM INTERVIEWED

"Generally Speaking in Line with Thinking of Organized Farming Across Dominion"

By M. McDUGALL

(Special to The Western Farm Leader)

OTTAWA, Aug. 1st.—The new wheat agreement with Great Britain for the sale of 600,000,000 bushels over the next four years accounts, for the next year at least, for about one-half more or less the amount available for export.

If the crop for this year reaches the fairly normal figure of 450,000,000 bushels, there will be available roughly for export 310,000,000 bushels, as the normal domestic consumption for food, seeding and other purposes is placed at 140,000,000 bushels. This is based on the assumption that the carryover of 50,000,000 bushels at the end of the present crop year will be approximately equalled on July 31st, 1947, though this figure is admittedly low. A normal carryover is estimated at 80,000,000 bushels. With the obvious demands for wheat in various parts of the world, it is certain that there will be pretty clean bins in Canada for some little time to come.

#### Details of Agreement

As is known, the wheat agreement for the coming four crop years covers shipments of 160,000,000 bushels annually for the first two years at the ruling export price of \$1.55 a bushel (on basis of delivery to storage in ports of Fort William, Vancouver or Churchill for Number One Northern).

For the next year the price is to be later negotiated, with the understanding that there will be a minimum of \$1.25, and for the fourth year \$1.00. In each of the final two years the amount of deliveries is placed at 140,000,000 bushels.

In the prices which will be decided on before the end of the previous calendar year in the case of the two final years, "regard will be had to the extent to which the agreed price for the first two years falls below the world price for that period."

For the final two years, there is the difficulty of determining the extent to which the agriculture of those countries which before the war had been exporters such as Danubian nations and North Africa, will have been restored, and the extent to which the critical food needs of the underfed nations have been brought on to a level keel and they are able to feed themselves.

The main thing, as far as the farmer is concerned, is the degree of stability the wheat industry is given by the

#### Crisis Follows Bombing British H.Q.



Bombing of the King David Hotel, British Headquarters (above) in Jerusalem by Jewish terror gangs has been followed by a large scale round-up of suspects. The chief underground organization of the Jews in Palestine has repudiated the terrorists—the Irgun Zvai Leumi and the Stern gang, who are reported to have a Fascist character. The round-up is being continued in the all-Jewish city of Tel Aviv. In the picture rescue workers are seen moving about in front of the wrecked portion of the King David Hotel immediately after the bombing.

contract. When the British Minister of Food, Rt. Hon. John Strachey, was in Canada he told newsmen that the Government and he believed the people of Britain were also convinced that the farmers of Canada, who had helped so tremendously in helping Britain through the war years with food shipments, should be given the assurance of a market for their wheat over a stated period of years. To be borne in mind at the same time is the fact that Britain is now on a bread ration.

#### No Barriers to World Agreements

It is not the intention of either country to put any barriers in the way of international agreements. It is stated in the contract that "having in mind the general purposes which this agreement is designed to serve, the two Governments have agreed that its terms and conditions shall be subject to any modification or amendment which may be necessary to

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#### ADDED TEN CENTS RETROACTIVE TO AUGUST 1st, 1945

No Restrictions on Deliveries During 1946-47 Crop Season, Minister Announces

DOMESTIC PRICE \$1.25

Export Prices Outside U.K. as Near as Possible World Prices

By M. McDUGALL

(Special to The Western Farm Leader)

OTTAWA, Aug. 1st.—An initial price of \$1.35 basis One Northern, Fort William and Vancouver, will be paid on all wheat delivered to the Wheat Board in the five-year period from August 1st, 1945, to July 31st, 1950, Hon. J. A. MacKinnon, Minister of Trade and Commerce, has announced.

#### Board Continues Sole Purchaser

The Canadian Wheat Board will be continued as the sole purchaser of wheat grown in the West.

On 1945-46 deliveries, the initial price of \$1.25 will be brought to the new initial price by the payment of ten cents per bushel on all grades. There will be no restrictions on deliveries during the 1946-47 crop year. Deliverable quantities for later seasons will be determined before each crop year. The domestic price of wheat remains at \$1.25. Export prices to other countries, outside the United Kingdom, will as nearly as possible correspond to world prices. A "serious effort" will be made to sell at prices corresponding to those of the U.S.

Deliveries for the five-year period will be bulked in one pool, said the Minister, "with the same initial price ruling throughout the period, and the surplus resulting from the marketing of these crops will constitute the participation payments."

Participation payments on the 1944 crop will be "upwards of 16 cents per bushel," said Mr. MacKinnon; on the 1943 crop payments are now being made at 12 cents a bushel.

#### Dividends Up

Dividends of Canadian corporations, as reported in the *Financial Post* recently, were over \$150,000,000 for the first six months of 1946, as compared with under \$138,000,000 in the same months of 1945.

#### Seed Growers Meet Aug. 9

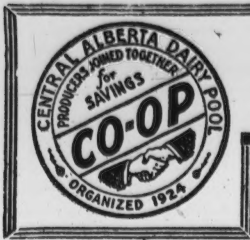
The regular annual meeting of the Alberta Branch of the Canadian Seed Growers' Association will be held at the Lacombe-Experimental Station on August 9th. The morning will be spent in a tour of the plots on the farm. Another meeting has been arranged for August 3rd, to take place at the University of Alberta, Edmonton, in conjunction with Visitors' Day.

#### Steel Production Sets All Time Record in Britain

LONDON, Eng.—Steel production in Britain, during May, was at the rate of 13,619,000 tons a year, the highest rate ever reached in that month. The figure for 1938 was 10,398,000 tons. The British Iron and Steel Federation, which revealed the May figure in its recent statistical survey, also states that exports of iron and steel in the same month were 264,300 tons, an annual rate of 3,168,000 tons, which is higher than the figure for any of the last eighteen years.

#### ANTI-MALARIA DRUG

A new anti-malaria drug, said to be ten times as powerful as quinine, has been developed by scientists of Imperial Chemical Industries, England. It is known as Paludrine.



# Central Alberta Dairy Pool Section



SLOGAN FOR TODAY: "More Milk from Every Cow"

## A Few Plain Words . . . . .

By C. A. D. Pool Member Contract No. 1409

These are serious times for Canadian Agriculture in general and the Dairy industry in particular.

Never in our time have the Farmers' Organizations been subjected to such bitter and unscrupulous attacks as those being directed against them today.

What is the reason for these attacks?

### Answer Is Simple

The answer is simple. The growth of Farmer organizations, such as the Wheat Pools, Dairy Pools and Co-op Stores, throughout the American continent, has greatly accelerated during recent years.

Farmers are realizing, more than ever, that they produce billions of dollars' worth of new wealth every year and that under the old system of trading with private interests the greatest part of this new wealth went to benefit the few. The Pools, which are an association of farmers, joined together to do business with themselves, divert the returns from farm production back to the farmers who created it.

The private interests who trade in grain and dairy products, because their sole aim is profit for the few, are greatly concerned that the farmer is becoming increasingly aware of this situation, as demonstrated by the growth of co-operatives.

### Seek to Mislead and Confuse

Every effort is being made to mislead and confuse the farmers. Millions of dollars are being poured out to try

to stop farmers doing business for themselves. Radio advertising, newspaper propaganda, are all used to this end.

Some of the statements being made are deliberately false and misleading, and I doubt whether any farmer is misled by them. It is not very difficult for the farm organizations to repel these attacks.

Their record of past benefits and achievements makes impressive reading and is the real bulwark against which such attacks will fail.

The enemy's record of dealing with the farmers in the days when there were few co-operatives can never be used in advocating the enemy cause. Their past record is one of exploitation, whilst the Co-operative record is one of increasing benefit and a stable price structure.

### More Subtle Weapon

There is, however, a greater and more subtle weapon that is being used than either radio or newspaper advertising, and that is the fifth column activities of the private interests.

Strife and attacks from within an organization are much more difficult

## Make Every Egg Pay . . . . .

Care in the handling of eggs is of the utmost importance to the shipper, because his grade is very considerably affected by it. In order that we may get the best returns possible for our shippers, therefore, we ask them to give special attention to the four points noted below, as well as to other points about egg production below.

**Dirty Eggs Suffer in Grade.**—Too high a percentage of dirty eggs is still being received, according to the reports we receive. Eggs that are of high quality but dirty must be graded into lower grades, with a resultant loss to our members. Dirty eggs should be cleaned with steel wool or an egg brush. The best way to handle the dirty egg problem is to keep your flock under conditions that will guarantee a minimum of dirty eggs. The following suggestions may help:

(1) Keep your laying house dry and change the litter frequently.

(2) Keep the birds off the droppings by putting chicken wire between the roosts and the dropping boards.

(3) Provide sufficient nests, one to every five birds, so that birds will not crowd in the nests and break eggs.

(4) Gather the eggs often—at least three times a day.

### Remove "Boarders".—There is no

to subdue than the attacks from the outside.

From time to time, we hear of discord among members of Farm Co-operatives.

A delegate will be elected who is not a co-operator at heart—officials who have an axe to grind, will do their best to cause dissension amongst a certain faction, and so do the cause of co-operation great disservice.

### Choose Men You Elect Carefully

It cannot be too greatly emphasized that every farmer who has worked and contributed toward the building up of a Farm Co-operative, should be sure of the type of man he elects to represent him at the annual elections. How often have we heard: "If I had only known that John Jones was going to be delegate, I sure would have voted and got my neighbors to vote against him."

Farm organizations have been built up with blood, sweat and toil; do not let a few disgruntled people, or people who have ulterior motives, tear down something that has taken many years to build.

Examine the records of such people and their purpose will not be hard to find.

Let us resolve that our Farm Organizations shall continue to grow in the service of the Farmer.

## Approve Organization of Co-operatives in British Occupied Germany Now

LONDON, Eng.—Recognising the value of co-operation as training in democracy and social responsibility, the British Control Commission is approving the formation of co-operatives in British-occupied Germany. They will be organized on the lines of the Rochdale principles, with the proviso that no person who was an active Nazi may hold office. Co-operatives which existed in Germany before 1932 were extinguished by the Nazis, their businesses handed over to competitors.

reason why a continuous culling campaign should not be carried on in the poultry flock to remove any "star boarders". It is especially desirable in these days when the motto should be "efficiency in every flock". There is nothing difficult about carrying on a continuous culling campaign. Have a catching hook handy just inside the poultry house door, so as soon as a bird is discovered that has stopped laying, she can be removed from the flock and sold for poultry meat. Unhealthy birds, however, that are not worth keeping, should be killed and either burned or buried.

**Feed Protein Supplement.**—Poultry producers are assuring their success in poultry enterprises by using a protein supplement in the laying flock rations.

Failure to feed adequate protein to the laying flock to produce eggs will cause an early molt, which usually is a slow molt resulting in the loss of high-priced eggs and a waste of feed. Young growing stock also needs protein for best development.

**Provide Enough Feeder Space.**—Loss of body weight is often due to lack of feeder space. When there is insufficient feeder space, many birds are unable to eat just when they want to. This is especially true of the timid birds which are often chased away from the hoppers by the more aggressive or bossy pullets. Birds that can't get enough to eat soon decline in production and eventually have to be culled from the flock.

Allow a minimum of 36 feet of feeder space for each 100 layers. In other words, it would require three 6-foot feeders, from which the birds could eat on both sides, to take care of 100 layers. It may seem like a lot, but the extra eggs quickly pay for the equipment and leave a profit besides.

**How Fast Does Egg Size Increase?**—As a general rule, the egg size of the pullet flock will increase until February or March. It is during these months that the average spring hatched flock of pullets will reach their maximum egg size. The time required to reach standard size will vary, but a good standard for each pullet is 60 days after she starts laying. Often it seems to the flock owner that there

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## WHEN A BARN LOOKS LIKE A HOUSE - - - IT'S POULTRY

Many barns have been partially or completely turned into laying houses.

Some producers take part of one floor, usually on the south side, install windows and equip one or more pens suitable to accommodate 200 to 400 layers.

Others take a whole barn, put in three or four floors, install windows and insulation with pens facing in every direction and equipped to carry 3,000 to 5,000 layers.

It is surprising how well pens facing north have worked out.

They are like the laying houses built years ago on the north side of the mountain by a successful pioneer poultryman on Vancouver Island. These houses were cooler in Summer and did not undergo the wide variations in temperature in Winter that occur day and night in glass fronted houses, facing south.

Houses facing north are not necessarily recommended but they'll do in emergency.

There's Much to be Learned and Unlearned in the Poultry Business.

When a Barn Looks Like a House---It's Poultry

# Central Alberta Dairy Pool

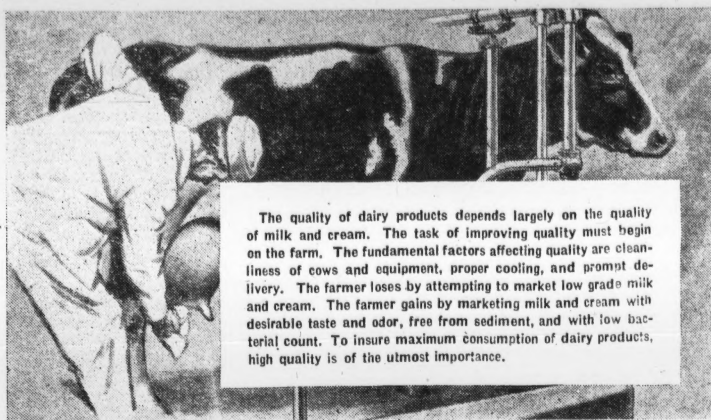
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## CENTRAL ALBERTA DAIRY POOL SECTION

## An Eight Point Program for '46

## 6. Produce quality milk and cream for greater returns



The quality of dairy products depends largely on the quality of milk and cream. The task of improving quality must begin on the farm. The fundamental factors affecting quality are cleanliness of cows and equipment, proper cooling, and prompt delivery. The farmer loses by attempting to market low grade milk and cream. The farmer gains by marketing milk and cream with desirable taste and odor, free from sediment, and with low bacterial count. To insure maximum consumption of dairy products, high quality is of the utmost importance.

is little increase in egg size because new birds are continually coming into production and will lay rather small eggs for six to eight weeks. Then the size increases so gradually that he may not be aware of it. Usually more pullet eggs will go into the larger grades, if they are weighed accurately, instead of being graded by guess.

Of course, healthy and properly fed pullets are likely to increase in egg size more rapidly than poorly developed birds that are infested with lice, mites, worms or disease. Egg size alone is primarily an inherited characteristic. The most that a poultryman can do is to select a strain laying eggs of good size, then provide ideal conditions.

With the old hen flock out of the way and the pullets newly housed, many poultrymen forget the importance of culling. Even though no culls were housed, there always are some birds in the flock that will begin to show pale, scaly, shrunken combs and dull, sunken eyes, instead of the red, waxy, full comb and prominent eyes that are expected in a good layer.

Such birds should be removed as soon as noticed, as this is one of the most important steps in reducing total feed consumption and maintaining a healthy flock.

It is always important to remember that fully one-half of the total cost of producing eggs is feed cost. That, alone, makes it important that no non-layers be left in the flock.

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## The Western Farm Leader LEGAL DEPARTMENT

By HON. J. E. BROWNLEE,  
K.C., LL.D.

### Letters of Administration Needed

**Anxious:** (a) As the title to the property is in the name of the deceased person, it cannot be dealt with until someone has taken out Letters of Administration and been appointed Administrator by the Court. As the value of the property is apparently low, the expense will not be high.

(b) A lien filed in 1921 would now be outlawed unless some payment of account or acknowledgement in writing has been given. You should con-

sult a lawyer with respect to both matters.

### Entitled to Demand One-Third

**G.M.**—The Crop Payments' Act provides that the vendor shall be deemed to be the owner of a share up to one-third of the crop from the time it is sown, unless the debtor can show a Judge of a District Court that he cannot deliver that share without undue hardship to himself. You are entitled, therefore, to demand from your purchaser a one-third share of his crop.

### Can Apply for Patent

**M.G.**—As your deceased husband had proved up his homestead, his Executor or Administrator is entitled to apply to the Department for the patent. You will probably, however, be required to take out Letters of Administration to your husband's estate to be entitled to apply.

## Death of William Surratt of Bentley

We regret having to advise our membership of the untimely and sudden death of one of our Directors, Mr. William Surratt, Bentley.

Bill, as he was so well known, especially in the western part of our territory, had been a director for two years and a member for many more. He represented District No. 3.

On the occasion of a visit of relatives from the United States, the Surratt family decided to have a family picnic at Rocky Mountain House on Sunday, July 21st. During a wind storm, a large tree blew over. Every member of the family was able to escape without injury except Bill. He was so severely hurt that he died early Monday morning. The funeral was held at Bentley, his home, on Thursday, July 25th. After the service the body was sent to his old home in Iowa.

Our sincerest sympathy is extended to Mrs. Surratt and family at this time.

## Between Friends . . .

By THE FIELDMAN

**Fine Dairy Film.**—It has been mentioned in this column before that your Directors authorized the purchase of that fine Dairy Film "The Science of Milk Production".

The film is in Technicolor and we are getting together our Fall and Winter program of meetings which will be published later on. Be sure to watch out for the meetings in your district and do not fail to see this outstanding film.

## Precaution Against Rickets

The most effective precaution against rickets in livestock, states Dr. Chas. A. Mitchell, Dominion Animal Pathologist, is a diet containing adequate calcium, phosphorus, and Vitamin D. Well-cured hay should contain these minerals in sufficient quantities, but this depends on such factors as the local soil and weather conditions during haying. Dr. Mitchell advises consulting a veterinarian at the first sign of the disease; the symptoms to watch for are sore feet, arthritis and sometimes bandy legs.

The new wholesale schedules of beef prices which became effective July 22nd, state W.P.T.B. officials, while involving slight increases to the consumer, "should mean substantially higher returns to the producer of good cattle than under the previous order."

# The Torch Is Handed On

Democracy in North America has been developed by a century and one-half of self-reliant pioneering. It seems that economic democracy must likewise be a gradual development.

The pioneers in farm co-operation in Western Canada rendered an invaluable service. The responsibility rests with each succeeding generation to carry the movement a little further. In this manner agriculture will gradually be emancipated and occupy a position in society to which its importance entitles it.

# Alberta Wheat Pool



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## PROTESTS BRING IMPORTANT GAINS

As the sequel to the strong representations which have been made at Ottawa by officers of the marketing and purchasing co-operatives and of the organized farm movement as a whole, considerable modifications have been made in the Dominion Government's plan for the taxation of co-operatives.

Farmers and farm women, who in many thousands have written to their representatives in Parliament to protest against the reactionary and anti-social policy which had been set forth in the Budget speech, can have the satisfaction of knowing that as individuals they have also made a most valuable contribution towards the achievement of these results.

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## !! DANGER NOT REMOVED

The time has not yet come, however, when the farm people can be justified in feeling that the danger to their co-operative institutions from attack through legislative measures has been removed. So far the Dominion Government has not withdrawn the proposal to levy taxation on three per cent of employed capital. "If interest is paid on loans, the amount actually paid would be deductible from the total amount subject to taxation". Furthermore, the Government still proposes that dividends must be paid out within twelve months (a modification of the original proposal that they must be paid out within six months). For reasons which have already been set forth, this too would prove a handicap to a co-operative which must build up its capital resources as it goes along.

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Elsewhere in this issue, we publish the letter which has been sent to the Minister of Finance by President William Burns in behalf of the Board of the Southern Alberta Dairy Pool, protesting against the taxation of co-operatives. Mr. Burns asks all members of the co-operative he heads to write to Mr. Ilsley, to express their views. We trust that his suggestion will be adopted, not only by members of the S.A.D.P., but also by farmers generally. Only when all of the obstacles which it has been proposed to place in the way of the development of co-operatives have been finally discarded, will the need for such action be ended.

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## STABILITY IN WHEAT MARKETING

We have no doubt that the Alberta Federation of Agriculture correctly reflects the opinion of the farm people generally when it declares, in reference to the Dominion Government's announced decision to make an initial payment of \$1.35 on One Northern Wheat, basis terminal, for the next four years, that this effort to stabilize conditions will meet with approval.

At the same time, the Federation's judgment is that "the 1945-46 crop should have been settled by itself, and not included in the five-year pool."

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It is further pointed out in the A.F.A. statement, and in the interview with Mr. Church published in this issue, that the firmness of price arrangements made by the Government will depend entirely upon the Government's ability to prevent further inflation of the price of commodities needed for farm production.

## THE TIMES WE LIVE IN

*New fears and doubts are born of hopes deferred—  
War's ashes are so long in growing cold,  
To tongues of flame we see them daily stirred,  
As new suspicions and new plots unfold.  
The covenant of peace defies the pen  
That would define it on a parchment scroll.  
Peace will depart again, and yet again,  
Until its light is cherished in the soul.*

*Lip-service to the ideal naught avails  
To set the world of war's red banners free.  
The dawning of a lasting peace entails  
A universal urge to do and be  
Something above, beyond, what self dictates,  
And this great hour a watchful peace awaits.*

ISA GRINDLAY JACKSON.

## TWO PREDICTIONS

Immediately after the pact of Munich had been signed in 1938, Captain Elmore Philpott, who was then in Calgary, made a prediction. It was that Russia (whose isolation the pact accentuated) would reply to this threat to herself by making at an early date "a dicker with Germany".

Captain Philpott's prediction proved accurate—some people might say "uncannily" so; though it was in fact based simply upon intelligent observation of the play of international forces.

Speaking this week under the auspices of the Alberta School of Religion in Knox Church, Calgary, this veteran of the fighting front of World War I, who during the second did much to steel the will of the Canadian people in the struggle against Nazi Germany, made another prediction. "We can achieve," he declared, "a genuine and honest understanding with Russia in time to prevent World War III."

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## "WHAT REALLY IS NEEDED"

The International Federation of Agricultural Producers, now a going concern, is faced at the outset with a number of questions of grave import. Some of these were stated very frankly by S. L. Loewes, of the Food and Agriculture Organization, at the recent conference in London.

"What really is needed," stated Mr. Loewes, "is general agreement between the farmers of the world on the basis of a food and agricultural policy. We are now in a transition period from war to peace. . . . The short term food policy now under discussion in Washington will have to be followed up by a long term policy, and it is impossible to decide about the one without discussing the other."

Mr. Loewes then laid stress upon two of several points upon which, he said, "in the first place the farmers have to agree."

He declared: "The first, and perhaps the most difficult of all will be the definition of a fair world price for agricultural products. I do not mean that the international farmers organization has to fix this price for every commodity, but that the farmers have to come to an agreement on the principles on which the decision for a fair price must be reached. A very difficult point will be coming to an agreement how far it may be allowed to correct home prices in the different countries by artificial means, in any case so long as the level of production costs, partly owing to war conditions, is very different in different countries."

"If the farmers are not able to reach an agreement, they will have to leave it to the governments, and then they cannot complain when the decisions are not in accordance with their wishes because they themselves could not find a solution."

"Once the FAO knows the wishes of the organized farmers' community in this and other respects, it can formulate a basic policy for food and agriculture, which can be laid before the Governments which together constitute FAO, and which will, in the long run, have to take the necessary decisions."



## "More Successful Than Anyone Had Dreamed"

### Brownlee Gives Highlights of London Farm Conference

"The International Agricultural Conference in London proved more successful than anyone had dreamed," Hon. J. E. Brownlee, K.C., LL.D., Vice-President of United Grain Growers, Ltd., told delegates to the Annual Meeting of the Alberta Livestock Co-operative in Edmonton.

Mr. Brownlee addressed a large evening gathering in the convention hall, at which other important addresses were given by W. Stanley Ross, B.A., LL.B., of the A.L.C. program who discussed economic conditions at home and abroad; and Major Mike Syrotuck, M.Sc., of Production Services, Dominion Department of Agriculture. Major Syrotuck showed on the screen pictures which he had taken in Denmark, Ireland and Germany during and after his service on the war.

#### Fairly Representative

Of the 31 nations represented at the Conference in London, Mr. Brownlee stated, some were not large agricultural producing countries; but it was nevertheless fairly representative of the major producing lands. The absence of Russian delegates was much regretted. The Argentine delegation had only a watching brief. Only the delegations of 13 countries (those directly representing primary producers) had voting rights. The Church House, he pointed out, is a part of Westminster Abbey. The British House of Commons met in it during the war, and later the preparatory commission of the United Nations and other important international gatherings were held there.

Speaking of the personnel of the various delegations, Mr. Brownlee said that if he "had to choose," he would put the United Kingdom first. The British delegates took part with weight and distinction in all deliberations. "England may seem to blunder through," he said, "but England goes into conference thoroughly prepared, schooled and working as a team."

There was a fine delegation from

the United States, but its members represented different organizations each of which claimed to be national. They couldn't get together, and there was a lack of unity. India had an able delegation, and there was a strong representation, too, from Belgium.

#### Canadians Well Prepared

"The Canadians," said the speaker, "were the only representatives present, apart from those of the United Kingdom, who were thoroughly prepared."

Mr. Brownlee was much impressed by Rt. Hon. Ernest Bevin, Foreign Secretary, who spoke at a banquet attended by 300 persons, and summed up the function of the conference as being to ensure that its members "become one farmer all over the world."

Of James Turner, head of the British Farmers' Union, who was chosen as chairman of the conference and later elected first President of the International Federation of Agricultural Producers, Mr. Brownlee said: "If any man can make a success of this organization, Mr. Turner can. He is a dynamic leader. I am of the opinion that we'll hear more of him in the political world in Great Britain. In his address, he told us that the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), cannot succeed without the support of the farmers through international organization."

Canada had every reason to be proud of the way in which Mr. Hannam, head of our delegation, and Mr. Parker (President of the Manitoba Wheat Pool) who took his place when he returned to Canada, acquitted themselves in convention and in committee work. Mr. Wesson of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool gave good service on the committee on the constitution.

Among outstanding men at the Conference mentioned by Mr. Brownlee was Lord Horder, royal physician and adviser to the British Government in food matters, who expressed a preference for a higher extraction in milling flour. After eating British bread, already of high extraction, Mr. Brownlee had found Canadian bread "a treat". Bread and potatoes had been the mainstays of the British people for the last six months.

#### Grave Scarcity—Then Dangerous Surplus

Sir John Orr, the great authority on nutrition problems who heads FAO, flew from Washington to address the conference. He stated that after the 1946 harvest the world would still be as badly off for food as in 1945, and unless food were very carefully conserved, the world would be faced with disaster. There would be delay beyond 1947 in building up animal stock, up to 1949. After the years of scarcity would come, said Sir John, the danger of crisis due to surplus, leading to economic collapse. It was to be hoped that Governments would see to it that this should not happen; and just there the value of a strong international farm organization would arise. "Let us see to it that Governments do devise some way of meeting such a situation," said Mr. Brownlee.

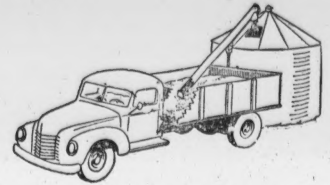
"Day by day through the Conference," declared the speaker, "one could sense a growing enthusiasm, a growing tendency towards unanimity of opinion."

The provisional constitution of I.F.A.P. was adopted unanimously by the 14 voting delegations; as were others. One of the most important called for international commodity agreements in respect to the marketing of farm products.

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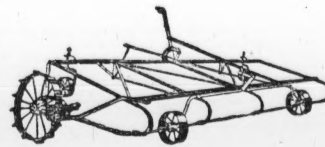
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"The new international organization," Mr. Brownlee stated, "will give added impetus and dignity to the member national organizations." Its existence would tend to bring the farm people of each country together in a single national organization; just as in Canada this had been done through the Canadian Federation of Agriculture stretching from coast to coast, and removing the sort of friction and criticism, that used to be known from time to time, of farmers of one part of the country by those of another.

#### In Wider Field

In the wider field, the international body could make a great contribution to the growth of democracy and the stabilization of international peace. It would not, of course, be easy, to reconcile the interests of all the producers of the various countries in the international body, but this method offered a greater opportunity than any other.

Finally, Mr. Brownlee pointed out that adequate financing is essential, and that the provision of needed funds has been a great factor in the success of the Farmers' Union in Great Britain. Some of the larger farmers in Britain gladly paid as much as \$1000 a year as their proportionate share of the costs of running the Union. The British were surprised that the Canadian Federation was not in a position to pay its share (amounting to some \$6 or \$7 thousand) of the \$100 thousand international budget.

#### La Guardia Has Plan Help Europe's Homeless

WASHINGTON, D.C. — A new drive to find a haven in the U.S.A. for 120,000 persons who are homeless in Europe, as a result of the war, has been launched by Director La Guardia of UNRRA. He has appealed to Secretary of State Byrnes to pool all unused immigration quotas for six to nine months, and allot them to displaced persons, regardless of national origin. This would not increase the number of immigrants, urges Mr. La Guardia, but would offer refuge to aliens who need it most.

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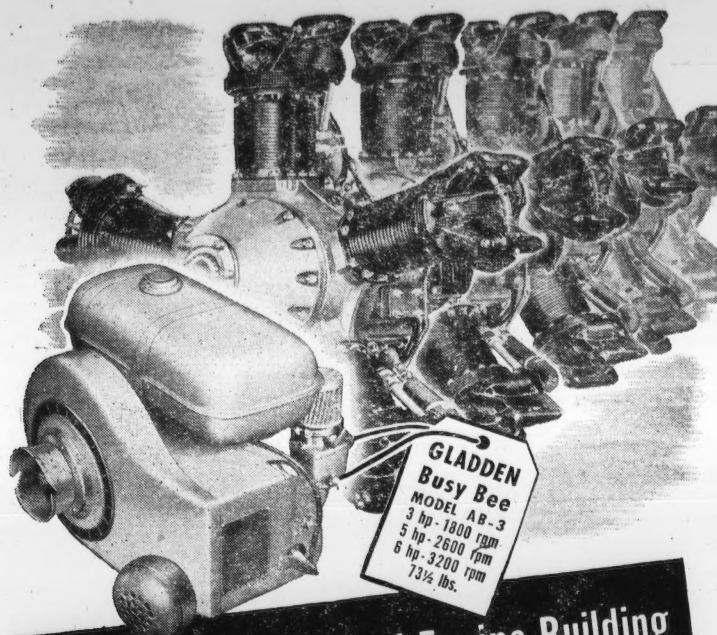
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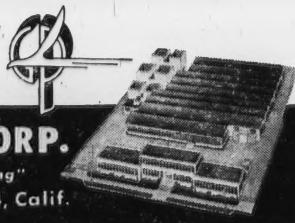
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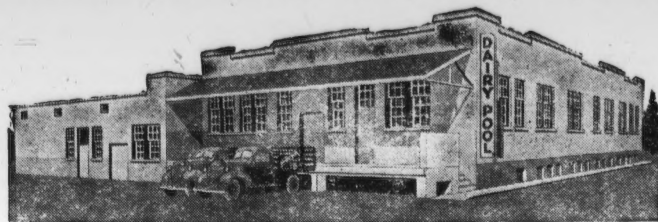
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## SOUTHERN ALBERTA DAIRY POOL SECTION



## The Hidden Work of the Honey Bee . .

By W. RUSSELL STERLING, Westlock

**NOTE:** A year ago Mr. Sterling was good enough to supply us with a history of the Westlock Beekeepers' Association and their strivings towards forming a co-operative to handle their produce. In the following article he stresses the value of the honey bee to agriculture, and especially to the growers of seed clover. Today there is no question about the value of the honey bees as pollinators of field crops intended for seed. I think Mr. Sterling missed a very fine opportunity to stress the value of co-operation and the beneficial results that accrue to those that co-operate. A little friendly co-operation between the Beekeepers and the Seedgrowers would be to their mutual benefit financially and lead to a better appreciation of each other as neighbors.

Thanking Mr. Sterling for his informative article,  
Yours fraternally,

*Wm Burns*

PRESIDENT.

**T**HE HONEY BEE has long been recognized for its ability to nectar the clover flowers. Since sugar has been rationed, during these trying war years and post-war years, many people have found beekeeping a necessity. The industry has grown so rapidly in the last five years that some of the "Fathers of Agriculture" are just beginning to wonder if the saturation point will soon be reached. To me that time is far off, as Bees are becoming recognized as the only controlled pollinators we have.

### Fact Often Overlooked

The majority of the people often overlook the fact that our native wild insect life is gradually disappearing with our trees, so the field of nectar gathering is left to our stinging friend the Honey Bee.

The field of agriculture has branched out again, in the last few years, into the growing of clover seed. The acreage is increasing so rapidly that the beekeepers feel the need is very urgent to follow that industry very closely.

A large number of Clover Seed Growers often look on the Honey Bee with contempt and are not at all anxious to allow a beekeeper to place hives near their fields. If they would just sit back and think the whole matter over, they would readily change their minds.

As the Honey Bee goes about its daily work of gathering nectar, it also gathers pollen on its hind legs to be used to feed the young brood in the hives. Some thirty pounds may be gathered by one colony.

### All Important to Seed Grower

In order that the bee may get its load of nectar, it will often visit several flowers, and in so doing the pollen is carried from one flower to the other. To the Seed Grower this is the all important work of the bee, because all clovers must be pollinated by insects before they will produce seed.

We will be able to realize this fact more easily if we consider a hive of bees for every acre and a half of Alsike, for example. Suppose we cover several small plots in different parts of the field, with eight mesh screen to exclude the honey bee. At the end of the season, a count is taken of the seed set per head. Under the screen, we find it will average four or five seeds per head, while anywhere in the open where the bees are able to cross-pollinate the average will be anywhere from 150 to 175 seeds per head.

To the Seed Grower this is the most

important work of our common bee. At the present time our Commercial Beekeepers are paying farmers anywhere from sixty to one hundred and twenty pounds of honey for every yard of from forty to fifty colonies.

Does this seem just in the light of the foregoing facts? The seed grower should be only too glad to have sufficient bees near his clover fields to be sure of a maximum set of seed. I would even go farther to say it would be good business, on the part of the seed growers, to pay beekeepers to place hives close to his field.

I know of no other field of Agriculture where two different groups of people must live in close proximity, because the bees cannot gather honey unless they have clover blossoms to supply them with nectar, while the Grower of Clover Seed must have bees to do that very important work of Cross-Pollination in order that nature may complete its life cycle and give the crops so desired in the present day.

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## SOUTHERN ALBERTA DAIRY POOL SECTION

## Board of S.A.D.P. Strongly Protests Against Taxation of Co-operatives

**President Burns Urges All Pool Members to Write Hsley  
in Protest Against These Budget Proposals**

TO ALL MEMBERS OF S.A.D.P.

The following letter, sent to Hon. J. L. Hsley by the Board of the Southern Alberta Dairy Pool, will be much more effective if it is backed up by many personal letters sent to the Hon. Minister protesting the taxation of Co-operatives. Members of the Southern Alberta Dairy Pool, you have the opportunity to help yourselves! Don't neglect it! Write to the Hon. Mr. Hsley now and protest this unjust tax!

Yours Fraternally,

WM. BURNS,

President.

Letter to the Minister  
Calgary, July 26th, 1946.

The Right Honorable J. L. Hsley,  
Minister of Finance,  
OTTAWA.

Dear Sir:

The Southern Alberta Dairy Pool voices its protest against the proposal to tax co-operatives as embodied in the Budget, for these reasons:

1. A co-operative such as ours,

which has a membership of 4,000 and processes and markets its members' products, operates to give service at cost only, and provides the final link in the entire chain of the producers' operations. Therefore, the savings accrued by the provision of such service rendered by the members to themselves are but a part of the total payment for their product.

We believe you have overlooked the fact that in the Budget proposals you are dealing unjustly with a certain section of the population of Canada, because in its present form city dwellers, who provide for themselves certain services, are to be exempt from taxation. For example, they co-operate to provide themselves with power, water and light services as well as

### "Got to Take Hats off to British People"

**Some Vivid Impressions Formed  
in Visit to Britain**

"We've got to take our hats off to the British people," John E. Brownlee remarked one day to Ben Plumer after a study of conditions in Britain in the light of that country's war effort and sacrifice, and Ben Plumer agreed.

Mr. Brownlee recounted this episode of a visit to Britain in the course of his address on the International Agricultural Conference at the A.L.C. annual meeting. Among other opportunities to form impressions were visits to two families who had suffered heavily in one period or another of "blitz". They had high courage and confidence. One family had been completely bombed out twice; yet showed extreme good cheer, good nature—no sign of despondency was apparent at all, and the visitor met with courtesy to a degree.

Two sorts of people, among others, to whom the speaker "took off his hat" were the London taxicab driver, who could "handle anything", and the London policeman—"the Bobby at the corner" with his great helpfulness and "extreme courtesy".

#### Getting on Peace-time Basis

There was little evidence where Mr. Brownlee had been of the tremendous military and naval effort that Britain had made. Things were getting quickly on a peace-time basis. He visited one block of air-raid shelters. He was impressed with the remarkable speed at which the debris left by bombing was being cleared up. It was possible to be in London for two or three days and not see much of it—but if one went to the right places one could see in a couple of days appalling devastation—acres of it around St. Paul's, which had sustained only slight damage.

Of many kinds of "scarcities" there was abundant evidence. In general, "you people who have not been overseas since the war can have no idea how great the contrast is—of how fortunate we on the North American continent are," said the speaker. There was a tax of 100 per cent on luxury

transportation. If city dwellers are to be exempt from taxation on such services, how can you justify taxation of farmer co-operatives, that only provide services for the handling of their own products?

2. We believe that the taxation of co-operatives will interfere directly with the national economy to such an extent that the repercussions will be felt for a considerable time and will definitely induce a severe curtailment of production in all phases of agriculture.

3. We strongly object to the taxation of accumulated and allocated savings, as it is only by such methods of financing that a co-operative can operate. And we further strongly object to the taxation of the 3 per cent of capital employed. Such capital left with the organization by its individual members is not considered a financial investment by them, because it yields no remuneration.

Yours very truly,

WM. BURNS

President.

goods. An omelet made from imported dried eggs was found difficult to eat. Fish recurred in meal after meal with disagreeable monotony. Mr. Brownlee said he did not see any fruit except some prunes. One could get in an hotel meal in Canada a whole week's British meat ration. Yet there was good cheer and orderliness everywhere. Those who could eat at the best hotels in the land were subject to the rigid rationing.

The transportation system, the speaker found, was working pretty well. Trains were running on time, and in old London transportation was working perfectly. It was against the law to have more than five passengers standing in a bus.

In the social and political sphere there were observed the peculiarly British anomalies: A Socialist Government, and reverence for royalty, and respect for nobility. The old order was passing, and a new order was coming; yet there were some anti-social forces; and there were things we had attained that had still to come in Britain; and others in which Britain was in the lead. There was some worry about the future, as Mr. Brownlee found in a talk with a manufacturer.

Summing up his impressions, Mr. Brownlee said that in the masses of the people was found a solidity

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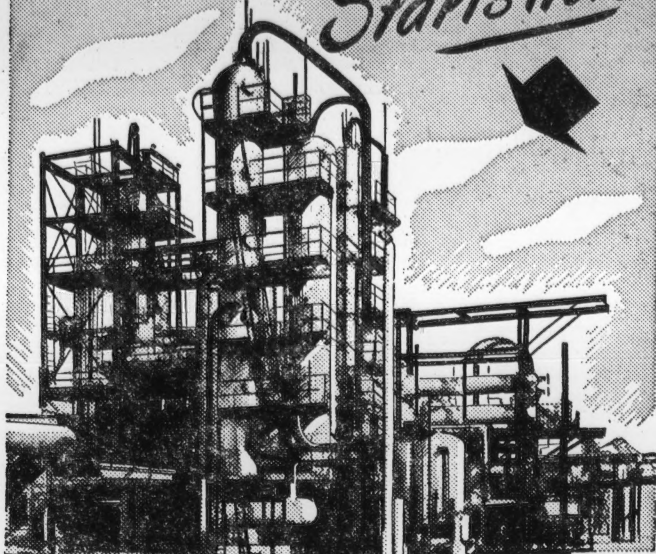
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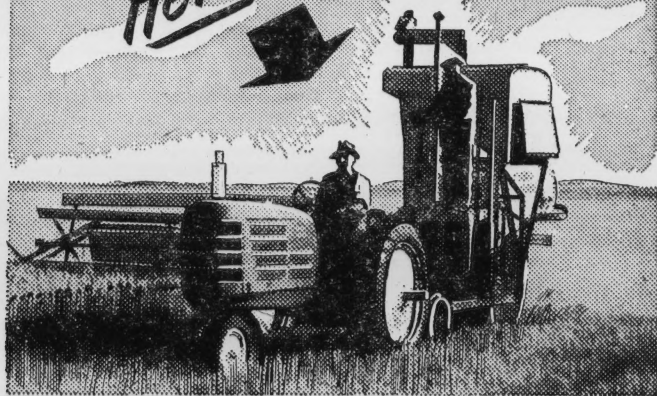
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## POST-WAR CHRONICLE

**July 18th.**—Russia refuses to alter Austrian reparations policy, is London report. Italian republic may fall if Trieste lost, says Premier de Gasperi. Britain gets first instalment U.S. loan. Four Russian spy instalments still operating in Canada, states Royal Commission report.

**July 19th.**—Truman says he will not ask Congress for further foreign loans this year.

**July 20th.**—General Werth, believed mainly responsible for Hungary's war against Yugoslavia, arrested by U.S. military authorities; to be handed over to Hungarian Government for trial. Many lives lost in attempt to overthrow Bolivian Government, is report.

**July 21st.**—Bolivian rebels hang President Villarroel, set up new government. Britain starts bread rationing. Division of Palestine into separate Arab and Jewish sections, with neutral administration, being considered by British-American committee, is London report. U.S. efforts to unify China have failed, say American officials in Nanking; Washington reports shipments of arms to Chungking Government may be halted.

**July 22nd.**—Jewish terrorists bomb King David Hotel, Jerusalem; headquarters British Army; (later reported 82 killed, 24 missing). Truman to sign compromise O.P.A. legislation.

**July 23rd.**—Suspension Edward Kennedy, U.S. news correspondent who filed unauthorized surrender report May 7th, 1945, removed.

**July 24th.**—First submarine atomic bomb test, Bikini. Arabs warn may take action against Jewish terrorists. Russians reject U.S. proposals for control atomic energy. U.S. Senate committee hears charges Garsson munitions firms supplied army with defective shells.

**July 25th.**—Nine ships sunk in under-water atomic bombing, reported. British-Canadian wheat agreement signed. U.S. price increases threaten to wipe out savings, say Congressmen.

**July 26th.**—Anglo-American committee recommends partition of Palestine. British Labor Government wins third by-election in week. Justice Jackson, in behalf U.S., demands death for 22 Nazi leaders on trial, Nuernberg. Vatican charges 200 Yugoslav priests executed; priest who supported partisans states most were charged with collaboration with Nazis.

**July 27th.**—Russians agree to equip Czechoslovak army, on credit, announced. Rockets land in Sweden from mysterious source, London hears. British Prosecutor Shawcross demands retribution upon 22 Nazi leaders, Nuernberg.

**July 28th.**—Security of world depends on future relations of U.S.A. and Russia, declares DeGaulle; urges alliance of Britain, France, to be keystone of later bloc of western European countries.

**July 29th.**—21-power peace conference opens in Paris; Attlee heads British delegation (Bevin ill). Britain accepts U.S. proposal to unify occupation zones in Germany.

**July 30th.**—Press to be admitted to all general sessions Paris peace conference; treaties for Italy, Finland, Hungary, Rumania, Bulgaria, to be considered; Spaak elected chairman. Rumors Bevin to resign emphatically denied at Foreign Office. Tel-Aviv under virtual house arrest.

**July 31st.**—Molotov stands out for two-thirds majority rule, Paris con-

## Is Now Essential To Think Internationally On Problems of Food

"Your meeting together is evidence that you realize that agricultural production cannot be regarded only as a problem within a country's own political boundaries, but that it is essential in matters of food production and consumption; no less than in matters of security and the like, to think internationally."—Right Hon. Thomas Williams, British Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, at the recent international agricultural conference in London.

## A.F.A. NOTES

By JAS. R. McFALL, Secretary

**Farm Safety Week.**—Wars are fought to make our country a safe place in which to live. Yet the toll of life and limb, the loss of time, the experience of suffering and financial loss continue. Accidents are happening every day—accidents which could be guarded against and in many cases prevented.

To do this very thing the Alberta Accident Prevention Association has been organized and during the week of July 21st to 27th they sponsored a special Farm Safety Week. Records show that farm people working with high powered machinery, with unbroken horses, with temperamental bulls, are subject to a very high accident rate. The Farm Safety Week to be held again next year, is designed to make us aware of these hazards and to do everything possible to prevent them.

The Alberta Federation of Agriculture would at this time point out that a Safety Week is not sufficient, but that all safety precautions must be carried on throughout the year and into future years. It is only by continual vigilance against carelessness and neglect that this can be accomplished.

**The Civilian Jeep.**—Farm people have looked with awe upon the military jeep and wondered when it would be made available as a general run-around vehicle for use on the farm.

The actual number released through War Assets Corporation is small, as these vehicles are being kept for military purposes. The civilian jeep is now on the market but is being sold at a price range considered out of line with its usefulness. One reason for the high price is that jeeps are being imported from the United States and are subject to a high tariff duty.

Mr. Gardiner, Minister of Agriculture, has contended that they should be duty free, but he was not able to convince his colleagues of this necessity.

## Are Your Trees Unthrifty?

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## It's in London, Anyway

LONDON, Eng.—Hitler's personal standard, the silken, black swastika surrounded by golden eagles, which the Fuehrer boasted would one day fly over Buckingham Palace, is now in London. It adorns a wall at the "Germany under Control" exhibition.

U.S. Government to make drive against Ku Klux Klan, is Washington report. Three U.S. Marines said shot near Peiping.



## BRITISH PLAN OF ADJUSTMENT OF PRICES OUTLINED

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### LEADS TO GOODWILL

Dealing Now With Income Decline  
Mainly Due to Higher Farm  
Wages

(British America Agricultural News  
Service)

LONDON, July 31st.—The annual farm price review, just completed, showed that farmers' net incomes have tended to decline, and that farmers are facing rising costs, which are up by something like \$50,000,000 a year for the whole country. The main item in this increase is higher wages on the land. But the British have a plan to meet just such a situation as this.

#### Impartial Evidence

The review is based on impartial evidence, obtained by independent agricultural economists, as to farm costs and profits. This is considered by the Government, represented by the Departments of Agriculture for England and Wales, Scotland, and Northern Ireland, and by representatives of the three National Farmers' Unions. Prices which the Government fixes and guarantees are adjusted in the light of these findings, and in the light of the country's requirements (e.g., whether wheat, milk, potatoes, eggs, etc., require a little more or a little less encouragement).

If there had been no world food crisis, for example, we would probably have given more encouragement to beef cattle and less to wheat-growing; if labor costs had gone up (as they have) some other item, such as feeding stuffs, might have gone down and this would have offset part of the extra cost of labor.

Former prices made barley more attractive than wheat; so wheat and rye will receive an additional 35 cents per cwt. and barley will receive 25 cents less per cwt. Oats will get an extra 20 cents per cwt.

#### Grow More Wheat in 1947

At the same time, farmers are going to be directed to grow wheat again for the 1947 harvest. Compulsory orders for wheat growing were taken off last year, for the Government was anxious to remove as soon as possible at least some of the directions as to what a farmer must grow. But the world situation today makes it essential to reimpose this wartime control. The wheat acreage is to be raised again from 2,180,000 acres in 1945 to 2,500,000 in 1947. Compulsory orders will also be served to get the necessary acreage of potatoes and sugarbeet. Fat hogs and eggs, too, will receive a little more. This is mainly to compensate pig and poultry farmers for the loss they will sustain through the cuts in feedingstuffs they have had to suffer through the world food crisis. For a little longer, the hog population will remain at well below half its pre-war number.

#### Guaranteed Floors Up to 1950

An innovation this year is the forward guarantee of minimum prices for fat hogs and eggs up to 1949-50. Actual prices for these commodities and also for milk, fat cattle and sheep (which were already the subject of guaranteed minimum prices) will be subject to detailed arrangement for shorter periods. But the farmer will know that, whatever happens, he will

## Loan Over Million and Half in 1945

Alberta credit unions during 1945 loaned to their members a total of \$1,549,792, announces F. J. Fitzpatrick, Provincial supervisor of co-operative activities.

## Extensive Program of Hog Improvement Work Is Called For

Annual Meeting of Alberta Live-  
stock Co-operative Adopts  
Important Resolutions

Commencement at once by the Dominion Government of an "extensive program of hog improvement work along lines similar to that of the Regional Swine Committees in the United States," was urged by the recent Annual Meeting of the Alberta Livestock Co-operative. It was asked that the program pay "particular attention to the development of hogs with more uniformity, better feeding qualities and more resistance to disease." Dissatisfaction was expressed with the type of Yorkshire now being raised in Canada, on account of its slow maturing and hard feeding qualities.

That the charge of \$3 per stop for completing cars in Alberta be reduced to \$2 per stop, "as now in effect in Eastern Canada," was requested of the Board of Transport Commissioners. It was pointed out that the cost of stops to complete carloads of stock "has become a heavy burden on all shipping associations."

Carrying out by the Highway Traffic Board of the Province of a "more rigid check on livestock truckers to ascertain if they have shipping manifests covering their cargo," was sought.

#### Casualties to Stock in Transit

It was asked that the A.L.C. evolve a check-off system to ascertain the causes of casualties to livestock in transit, with a view to eliminating losses, due to such things as "insufficient bedding, overloading, improper partitions or decks, untied bulls, mixed loads, etc." Improvement of the standard of loading practices, "with resultant reduction of injured, bruised or dead animals," was sought.

Increase by the Alberta Department of Agriculture of "the present horns penalty of \$1 to at least \$5 per head" was asked in a resolution that set forth at length the argument for such an increase. "Losses on cattle which are crippled and/or killed while en route to market," it was set forth, "amount to considerable sums of money." It was believed that many of these losses were due to animals with horns. During the last fiscal year, it was added, "net adjustments on dead and crippled cattle cost this Association slightly over one and one-half cents per hundred pounds." It was proposed that a period of six months should be allowed to elapse after the proposed change of regulations before they are brought into effect.

The Board of the A.L.C. was asked to look into the possibility of setting

not receive less than the minimum prices specified for the years to 1949-50. This should be of great help in creating stability and enabling the farmer to plan in advance.

This is only the second annual review, and it has worked so far admirably. Putting the relevant figures on the table has added to the confidence that Government and farmers have in each other. Farmers do not make demands as they have been accused of doing in the past, "think of a number and double it"; but the Government, on the other hand, could not just decide to initiate an economy campaign and cut the prices paid to farmers without explaining or justifying their action. The new procedure has led to goodwill and fairness all round.

## Price of Aluminum Falls in Britain—Can Build Houses of it Entirely Today

LONDON, Eng.—Aluminum, today more plentiful than either lead or zinc, was sixty years ago in such short supply that its price was no less than £2,000 per pound, it was stated at a recent meeting here; today, the price is £65, having dropped from £110 since the lifting of controls. Britain's aircraft factories have now turned over their aluminum supplies to the housing drive; houses can be built entirely of aluminum, and a whole range of fittings, from kitchen sinks to floor joists, are now possible in this metal.

Since the first UNRRA supply ship reached Trieste a year ago, a total of 935,283 tons of UNRRA supplies has been delivered to Yugoslavia.

#### OTTAWA LETTER

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bring it into conformity with any international agreements or arrangements hereafter entered into to which both governments are parties".

It is stated in the agreement that if Britain wants more than the stated deliveries, the added wheat will come under the terms and conditions of the agreement, and that a stated amount of the total deliveries will be in the form of flour.

#### View of Federation President

In a statement to the press on the contract, H. H. Hannam, President of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture says: "The new contract with the United Kingdom, just concluded by the Canadian Government, providing some stability of market and price over a period of years, is, generally speaking, in line with the thinking of organized farming across the Dominion. The contract typifies what organized agriculture through the Federation has been urging upon the Government for a long time. . . . Producers believe it is wiser to forego the temptation of grabbing all they could get at the moment for the sake of securing instead the guarantee of remunerative prices for a number of years in advance." He refers to the campaign which he claims has been carried on by the private grain trade and leaders of the grain exchange in Winnipeg against this particular type of wheat marketing program.

There has been no dealing in wheat futures on the Winnipeg Exchange since 1943, and this situation will continue, it is stated, during the life of the contract.

up an insurance fund to cover losses on animals in transit.

Another resolution adopted asked that the proceeds of deduction fees for horns be used for research into disease instead of being allotted to animal improvement.

Engagement was requested of the former Provincial Pathologist, Dr. Lloyd Jones, to take charge of the new laboratory for research into animal disease, in which tube tests will be made of live animals. The



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request will be sent to the Alberta Minister of Agriculture.

#### Reiterate Stand

The stand taken by last year's Annual Meeting, to the effect that the producer of livestock who feeds his own grain should receive the same bonus as those who buy all or part of their requirements, was reaffirmed.

The Board was asked to investigate "the discrepancy in the rise of prices of pork and pork products to the consumer, compared with the rise in price paid to the producer," and to bring their finding to the attention of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board.

To conserve all available foods for use in India, the government there has banned exports of peanuts.

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Assistance to the local hospital and rest room is given by Two Rivers U.F.W.A., writes Mrs. Arnold Burgess.

Mrs. J. Crozier's paper on co-operation, and the bulletin, were enjoyed by the last meeting of Namao U.F.W.A.

"Home Emergencies" was the subject of a talk by Miss Davis, school nurse, at a recent meeting of Gleichen U.F.W.A.

Grand Meadow U.F.W.A. assisted at the refreshment booth at the Ponoka Stampede; proceeds were in aid of the arena building fund.

On account of the food shortage in Europe, Berrywater U.F.W.A. (Vulcan) has decided to cancel all entertainment meetings, writes Mrs. Hazel A. Smith.

Pickardville U.F.W.A. are co-operating with other organizations in arranging a social evening in honor of the returned servicemen of the district.

Meat coupons, for meat to be sent overseas, were turned in at a recent meeting of Sunnibend U.F.W.A. (Pibroch) and plans were made for an ice cream social and dance. This Local held a picnic for the school children of the district.

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Dear Farm Women:

Did you happen to hear one of the radio news items this morning considered of sufficient importance to broadcast? It was that when a plane landed at the Edmonton Airfields it was noted the pilot was a grey-haired woman flying from Pennsylvania to her home in Alaska. In a sense, probably both the fact of the long-distance flight and the fact the pilot was a grey-haired woman made for the news interest. But I rather think it was that the latter was considered the greater.

**Congratulations to Miss Birch**

But day after day we are continually noting occurrences of instances of women's success. We do not need to go far afield for that. For example, I know the men and women realized that Miss Birch was a most efficient secretary. But how many of you heard of another success of hers? Did you know she made the first "Possible" at 800 yards in rifle shooting under the auspices of the Alberta Provincial Rifle Association in July, and won the coveted Comer Trophy? There were three girls and 100 men in this competition.

I am sure we all extend hearty congratulations.

I was commenting the other day on the part women were playing—or were not playing—in our modern world. Undoubtedly their opportunities have been extended many fold. The wider field of their education and the increased mechanism which has in many instances meant that machinery has replaced brute force and has also given more leisure from what was formerly considered their "bounden duty", have made for that.

I was interested in reading the comment of a noted educator who said that in his experience in teaching he had found that the best minds in men and women were fully equal of each other. But he went on to add that a very large proportion of the women married and the house and the crib was their centre of life for a time at least. The very essence of home life was interruption with the doorbell, the phone and the baby. The very essence of thought, he commented, was continuity. This, I took it, as rather a reason he would give why they had not made the equal contribution in intellectual life—in its broad sense.

But is not that manner of life gradually altering? And shall we not find that more and more who have the desire to give continuity of work and thought to something else will find it possible?

**Have We Had Courage to Try?**

Also, again I think we need to ask

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ourselves if women have qualified themselves as fully as they might to seize the opportunities of both personal and public life? Have we had the courage to try? Have we read and tried to think on subjects worth the studying and thinking about or have we been lazy and found it increasingly easy to read the book and the articles which did not bestir much serious thought?

Secondly, have we helped other women as we might? Have we trusted that they would measure up to their opportunities and seen they had their share? Sometimes I think we have fallen down there. And, sometimes, do we not go even further, and does not the unlovely characteristic of jealousy crop up to close the door of opportunity for others?

But undoubtedly opportunities for women are increasing, and with them, responsibility.

Yours sincerely,

H. ZELLA SPENCER.

"We used the questionnaire on education," writes Mrs. H. Scott, reporting a recent meeting of Brown- ing U.F.W.A. (Edgerton). A raffle of nylon hose netted \$11 for the Scholarship Fund.

**Farm Home and Garden****Barley:** Use pearl barley instead of spaghetti or vermicelli to give body to chowders and soups; and instead of rice for milk puddings.**Rolled Oats or Oatmeal:** An average serving of oatmeal, without cream and sugar, equals approximately two slices of bread in food value. Rolled oats can be used instead of bread-crumbs in making fruit betties and puddings, or in thickening stews, soups and gravies.**Clothes Sprinklers:** A spray attached to a cork which fits into a medium-sized bottle makes an excellent sprinkler. It's one of those cheap little gadgets no housekeeper should be without. Next-best thing is a clean whisk dipped into a bowl of water. Hot water is more effective than cold when the ironing is to be done soon.**Novelty Buttons:** Take narrow strips of dress material, fold in side edges and roll into pellet. Fasten with a few stitches and attach to dress with a "neck" of thread.**Pasture for Poultry:** Substitutes forage plants for a proportion of the scarcer and more expensive protein, mineral and vitamin feeds; and supplies hygienic conditions for the growth of young stock. Experiments at the Central Experimental farm, Ottawa, show that levels of protein considerably below recommended requirements were satisfactory for growth if even moderately good pasture was available. Permanent pastures are of course the least expensive, but in the case of established parasitism a three or four year rotation is necessary.

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Delia U.F.W.A. started the year prosperously having cleared \$131.81 from a play presented in the early winter, writes Mrs. J. Sinclair, in a resume of activities in 1946. A committee is co-operating in the raising of funds for a Memorial Hall in Delia, and another committee stands by to aid the Juniors. Douglas Thornton U.F.A. Educational Director, and John Storch, spoke to the May meeting, and later Mr. Storch assisted in the reorganization of the Delia Junior U.F.A. Local, with Mrs. Young as their supervisor. At the Summer Conference, when main speakers were Mrs. Russell Johnston and Mrs. Jack Sutherland, the Local served lunch to the large crowd in attendance.

Roll call was answered, at the last meeting of Stettler U.F.W.A., by giving an item of news on co-operation, and the bulletin on co-operation was heard with interest.

### HIGHER PRICES AUTHORIZED

A two per cent increase in maximum prices of children's suits and dresses, snowsuits, playsuits, overcoats and hats has been authorized by the W.P.T.B. The increase will not be reflected in retail prices until the fall, it is stated.

### Scholarship Winners Will Have Additional Aid

LONDON, Eng.—A new policy of the British Government will hereafter make it possible for any young person winning a University scholarship to receive a University education. Scholarships usually do not exceed £100 a year, and the Government will give additional financial assistance to meet the cost of attending University, usually £300 to £400 a year.

## Junior News Items

At their last meeting, Byemore Juniors decided to make presentations to the director of their play, and to their former secretary, writes Dorothy Green, the present secretary.

Snake Valley Junior U.F.A. Local, in the Vulcan district, was organized recently following addresses by Mrs. Douglass, Helen Morrison, Orrin Hart and Edward Ness. Officers elected were Alan Smith, Leslie Warden, Mary Douglass, while Messrs. Ross Walker and Allan Sinclair are supervisors. Meetings will be held monthly, alternating between Berrywater and Reid Hill, as there are members in both districts.

### Intermediate Students' "Dividend Day"; Distribute \$40 Co-operative Dividend

Just before the close of school, the Intermediate School in Drumheller had a "Dividend Day", when \$40 was returned as consumers' dividends to the students, as one result of a project started at the first of the school year. A co-operative "store", handling scribblers, looseleaf books, art pads and crests, was set up; a board of directors, elected by the students, hired four students to operate it. Every student in the school kept a set of books to record the store's business and prizes for the best sets in each grade were offered. These were won by Nancy Holliday, Yola Mucci, and Madeleine Bone.

During the year a study of co-operatives was carried on, and in conducting the business, the principles of the "Men of Rochdale" were strictly followed by the Board. Initial stock was purchased by a loan of over \$100 from a friend of the project; during the year, the store handled over \$250; and in June, the Directors, after payment of all bills including nominal wages to the staff, declared a consumers' dividend of 15 per cent.

The project was under the supervision of the Junior Business teacher, Gordon E. Taylor, M.L.A., and Fred B. King, principal of the school.

### Dalemead U.F.W.A. Marks 25th Anniversary

Celebrating the 25th anniversary of Dalemead U.F.W.A., a community gathering was held recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Angus MacKinnon. In a large marquee set up on the lawn, tables were set, and 125 persons enjoyed a bountiful dinner. Mrs. O. C. Hauswirth, president of the U.F.W.A., was chairman. Henry Dixon sketched the history of the U.F.A. Local, formed in 1913, and L. C. Hiatt described the origin of Dalemead, as a community. Mrs. Hiatt related the history of the U.F.W.A. Local. During the years, \$2,750 had passed through the Local treasury, she said; among its many activities the sending of parcels overseas had been important during recent years. Mrs. W. L. Barker, U.F.W.A. Director, and Norman F. Priestley, general-manager of the U.F.A. Central Co-operative, gave brief addresses.

### Successful Conference Held at Arrowwood

Members from Milo, Queenstown, Gleichen, Arrowwood, Vulcan, Mayview, Berrywater, Mossleigh and Snake Valley U.F.W.A. Locals attended a very successful conference in the Arrowwood U.F.A. Hall recently, writes Mrs. F. H. House. After an enjoyable luncheon, the meeting opened under the chairmanship of Mrs. Harry Douglass, and the secretaries of the various Locals reported on the work of the year. The guest speaker, Mrs.

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Lowe, summarized the work of the U.F.W.A., and Mrs. Alston, in a talk on health, stressed the need for Health Units. Community singing, and vocal and piano solos, added to the entertainment of the afternoon. A large handicraft exhibit was on display, and there was a miscellaneous sale, in aid of the Gardiner Scholarship Fund. Tea was served by the Arrowwood Juniors.

The young people of the district were especially invited to the July meeting of Roosevelt U.F.W.A. (Woolford) which took the form of a social, when Leslie West reported on F.Y.P.W.

Re-organization of Freedom U.F.W.A. by Mrs. Bella Lyons has been reported. Mrs. A. Anderson was elected president and Mrs. Florence Anderson secretary.

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President Hugh Allen announced that direct hauling of livestock by truck from the farm to stockyards or packing plant has much increased. Removal of wartime restrictions on trucks has greatly accelerated the development, which had been checked during the war.

## Delegates Registered at A.L.C. Annual Meeting

Delegates registered at the recent Annual Meeting of the Alberta Livestock Co-operative in Edmonton were as below. The abbreviated title of the Association from which delegates came is given in black type:

Battle River—J. H. Lyle, Edberg, E. S. Ferguson, Camrose; C. E. Boulter, Rosalind.

Blindman Valley—E. C. Crocker, Lacombe; R. H. Carlyle, Blackfalds; Carl J. Hearstad, Bentley.

Buffalo Lake—D. D. Nielsen, Alix.

Calgary District—R. C. Bell, Carstairs; E. E. Risdon, Strathmore.

Castor-Coronation—George N. Johnston, Loyalist.

Dawson Creek—R. R. Hadland, Baldonell; Victor Gellitti, Dawson Creek.

Edmonton District—Glen Storie, North Edmonton; Minot Stetson, North Edmonton; C. D. Fuhr, Stony Plain.

Smoky Lake—G. A. Esopenka, Smoky Lake.

Grand Trunk Pacific—R. C. Hissett, Wainwright; Dave Rattray, Wainwright.

Goose Lake—John Corey, Scapa.

Grande Prairie—M. G. Fraser, Teespee Creek; Con Toeppner, Prestville; Arnold Johnson, Beaverlodge.

Hairy Hill—Alex Hawka, Hairy Hill.

Innisfree—T. Barber, Innisfree.

Morecambe—William Myskiw, Morecambe.

Myrnam—J. P. Hocaluk, Myrnam.

North Eastern—J. Z. Joly, St. Paul; A. Marcoux, St. Paul.

Paddle Valley—C. Hunt, Paddle Valley.

Peace River—Donald McBride, Fairview.

Pembina—Carl Antonson, Pibroch; B. E. Pa-cock, Pibroch.

Ponoka Co-op—W. G. Geo, Ponoka; L. J. Auten, Ponoka.

Two Hills—Peter Samoil, Two Hills.

Vegreville—H. Hulett, Vegreville; A. Jeffrey, Vegreville.

Vermilion—G. J. Nestman, Vermilion.

Watershed—E. S. Parsons, Boyle.

Warspite—A. McCormick, Warspite.

United Grain Growers—J. I. Stevens, Morinville.

## The Wheat Situation

By LEONARD D. NESBITT,  
Superintendent of Publicity,  
Alberta Wheat Pool

Early estimates of Canadian wheat production have indicated a total yield in excess of 500 million bushels as compared with 305 million last year. The blasting heat wave of the past two weeks assured a cut-down in prairie production, but in any event the crop will be very much larger than last year—somewhere between 400 million and 450 million bushels.

### Tremendous U.S. Crop

The United States reports a tremendous crop. That country's production combined with the Canadian wheat will likely reach 1-1/2 billion bushels.

Two items of particular interest to the world wheat situation appeared in the newspapers this week. One was from Broomhall, British grain authority, and it states that Europe will have a much better crop this year than last. The Danube Basin seems to have an excellent crop and Turkey is reported to have a surplus of 70 million bushels of wheat. All Mediterranean countries appear to have outstanding harvests this year, and import needs for Greece, Italy and Spain will be substantially less than a year ago. In central northern Europe this year's crop is 25 per cent better than last year.

The other item contained a comment by Hon. J. G. Gardiner, Canadian Minister of Agriculture, who had just returned from Europe. He says crops on that continent are good and he saw no signs of starvation anywhere. He was surprised at the vast acreage which had been sown to crops since the end of the war. He said agriculture in Europe was being revived at a great pace. Hon. Mr. Gardiner said it will not be long before many nations will be back in the wheat exporting business.

## Announce Modifications of Taxation Proposals

Modifications of the Government's policy of taxation of co-operatives were announced in the House of Commons last week by Acting Finance Minister Abbott, who said that a counter-proposal from the three Western Wheat Pools, regarding taxes for the years 1941-1946 was being considered. He also stated that co-operatives will be allowed twelve months instead of six to pay out their patronage dividends, and that the Government would remove the rule that patronage dividends allocated earlier than 1942 could not be deducted from income for tax purposes. Co-operatives will be free to treat members and non-members on a different basis; if the co-operative wishes to pay a lower rate to non-members, it may deduct these dividends from income, providing it pays taxes on income arising from non-members' business; or it may pay no dividend on non-members' business, in which case it will pay taxes on a corresponding amount of income.

As an alternative to the taking over of the present wavelength of CFCN by the CBC, a proposal to transfer ownership to a co-operative joint stock listener organization was outlined to the House of Commons radio committee by M. M. Porter, counsel for the Calgary station.

ROME, Italy.—The international character of UNRRA aid to Italy was demonstrated in June when UNRRA food, medical, agricultural and industrial imports reached Italian ports from all parts of the world. During the month, grain came from Canada, the U.S. and Argentina, coal from Holland and the Persian Gulf; canned fish from Norway; copper from South Africa; cotton from Egypt; soap from Brazil; and medical supplies from Switzerland.

## Livestock Markets Review

CALGARY STOCKYARDS, July 30th.—Hogs sold today at \$20.65, Grade A; sows \$13.75 liveweight. Good lambs are \$14 to \$14.75, good ewes \$6 to \$6.50. Good to choice butcher steers are \$12 to \$12.75, down to \$9 for common; good to choice butcher heifers \$11 to \$12, down to \$8 for common. Good cows, \$9 to \$9.50, down to \$7 for common and \$5 to \$6.50 for canners and cutters. Good bulls are \$9.25 to \$9.75, down to \$8 for common; good to choice veal calves \$12 to \$13, down to \$9 for common. Good stocker and feeder steers, \$10 to \$10.75, down to \$8.50 for common kinds.

EDMONTON STOCKYARDS, July 30th.—Trading was active during the past week, prices fully steady. Good to choice steers were mostly \$12 to \$12.50, a few extreme tops at \$13; good to choice butcher heifers traded from \$11.50 to \$12, the bulk on offer going from \$11 down to a low of \$7. Choice cows sold \$9 to \$9.50, down to \$6.50 for common kinds and \$4.50 to \$6.50 for canners and cutters. Stockers and feeders of suitable quality in good demand; good steers \$9.50 to \$10, down to \$8 for common to fair. Veal calves \$12.50 to \$13.50; heavy and common kinds \$12 down to a low of \$8. Hogs \$20.30, Grade A, sows liveweight \$14. Spring lambs \$14 to \$14.50, good handyweight locals \$12 to \$12.50.

## The Dairy Market

Locally, prices are unchanged. Butterfat is 37 cents, plus 10 cents subsidy, and prints are 39 cents. Montreal and Toronto are quoting 40 cents, and Vancouver 39-1/2 cents—both being ceiling prices.

## Church's View of Plan

"Setting of the initial price for One Northern Wheat, terminal basis, at \$1.35 for five years will prove a satisfactory plan, in my judgment", President George E. Church of the U.F.A. stated to *The Western Farm Leader* this week. He approved also of the lifting of delivery quotas this year.

"The four-year agreement with the British Government will give stability, and it is to be welcomed," he added, "but I think the British Government should have taken a chance on the whole four years, and agreed to \$1.55 throughout, in view of the fact that they will obtain Canadian wheat at this time below the world market price."

The value of all plans to stabilize farm products prices, Mr. Church stressed, would depend upon costs of production being kept down; in other words, the avoidance of inflation.

Mr. Church, just returned from Ottawa, appreciated such modifications as had been made in the plans respecting taxation of co-operatives; and said that the Government had given a sympathetic hearing to representations. He stressed the desirability of securing the removing of the remaining proposals which if adopted would handicap co-operatives.

## MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Important farm organization meetings in Edmonton this week include: U.F.A. Executive Wednesday; Joint Committee on Amalgamation of farm organizations Thursday; and Board of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture Friday.

A sub-committee of the House of Commons recently recommended against allowing veterans' farming co-operatives the same debt-free grant that is provided for exservicemen as individuals.

Maximum prices have been suspended on all seeds, except seeds of field peas and field beans, other than those of registered or certified grade, it has been announced by the Federal Department of Agriculture and the Wartime Prices and Trade Board.



## Why Vaccinate for Shipping Fever?

By S. H. McCLELLAND, V.S.  
Our Graduate Veterinarian

To combat Shipping Fever (Hemorrhagic Septicemia) in cattle, delegates to the recent Annual Meeting of the Alberta Livestock Co-operative, in a resolution adopted by unanimous vote, urged the Alberta Government to make vaccination of cattle against this disease compulsory.

In view of this action by the A.L.C., and of the serious losses which are suffered from the disease, particularly at certain seasons of the year, the answer given by Dr. McClelland, graduate veterinarian, of The Western Farm Leader, to a question on this subject received from a correspondent will be found of especial interest by our readers.

Dr. McClelland points out that the heaviest losses from this disease occur in cattle that have been shipped and exposed to bad weather in fall and early winter. It is not too early, however, to pay heed to the warning given in Dr. McClelland's article. It will be well to be prepared well in advance to fight this disease.

The question submitted and the detailed answer follow:

### Hemorrhagic Septicemia and Vaccination

**A.L.K., Lacombe.**—About two weeks ago a young steer was found dead in the pasture one morning. This steer had shown no signs of sickness before. My neighbor pronounced it Hemorrhagic Septicemia or Shipping Fever and recommended that the entire herd be vaccinated. Within a day after they were vaccinated I had lost two more. Is this a rare or common disease, and how often will I have to vaccinate my cattle to keep them immune to it? Do you think that I will lose some everytime I vaccinate in the future?

**Ans.**—This is an infectious disease of cattle that in some outbreaks does cause a heavy loss. It gets the name it does because it is an infection of the blood, or in common, every day language "blood poison", said to be caused by an organism of the Pasteurella group that is found in the soil most everywhere and even in the bodies of animals that appear to be healthy.

Why then does it kill some animals? This is a fair question and the answer seems to be that when the animals have undergone some hard treatment, such as shipment or exposure to bad weather or a poor food ration, they lose resistance and thus become more susceptible. It is also argued by some that the organism itself does little damage, but if some virus not yet recognized invades the animal's body, these organisms do become dangerous to an animal in lowered vitality.

### May Strike Without Warning

We do know that it strikes sometimes without warning, killing several animals in a herd, and that the only control we have developed for it is to keep them from exposure and abuse of all kinds and to vaccinate them with a bacterin that raises resistance to the infection.

The bacterin had not been given a sufficient length of time in this particular case to develop immunity, for that will take from ten to twelve days, and some of the animals were already infected so went ahead and died. The bacterin is not a cure for a sick animal, but a means of raising resistance of a healthy one.

Treatment for the ailing ones is the use of an anti-hemorrhagic septicemia serum, coupled with the judicious use of some of the sulfa drugs that have been found valuable in the control of the pneumonias. But this would need to be used under the careful direction

of a veterinarian to get the best results.

We believe that the only thing to do with the cattle on a farm that have had losses from this disease is to keep all of them vaccinated, remembering that it takes about ten days after an animal is vaccinated for it to develop its best immunity to the disease.

### Would Vaccinate All Cattle Every Six Months

Just how long the immunity that one develops by vaccination lasts and is dependable is not definite, but we believe that it can be depended on for six months and in some cases may last as much as a year. The cost of vaccination is so low as compared to the value of one good calf that we would recommend vaccinating all cattle every six months.

It should be kept in mind that the heaviest losses from this disease occur among cattle that have been shipped and exposed to bad weather of fall and early winter. This points to the possibility that when one lets the animals' health become low due to any neglect of good feed, shelter and even regular watering, he is inviting trouble with this infection. Much can be done to reduce losses from it by the manner in which the animals are handled, so even if one vaccinates his cattle he should not expect that alone to confer perfect immunity to the disease. Experience shows that it does not do that.

*Paid-up subscribers may submit questions for answer in our Veterinary Section. Not for answer by mail.*

### For Manitoba and Eastern Saskatchewan

Redman, a new hard red spring wheat bred for the rust area of the West (Manitoba and eastern Saskatchewan) was developed from the cross Regent x Canus made at the Dominion Laboratory of Cereal Breeding, Winnipeg, states Dr. R. F. Peterson, Cerealist, in a recent contribution to the Line Elevators Farm Service bulletin. In tests in the rust area it outyielded both Regent and Thatcher, varieties now chiefly grown; and had high milling and baking qualities. It is resistant to stem rust, bunt and black chaff; and is somewhat more resistant than Regent to leaf rust, loose smut, root rot and drought, states Dr. Peterson. The Cereal Division is now increasing seed of Redman for later distribution.

### Has Publicly Owned System

LOS ANGELES, Cal.—One of the first districts in California to set up a publicly-owned electric power system in connection with irrigation facilities, Modesto Irrigation District, reports net earnings for 1945 of \$671,643. Its assets are valued at \$7,357,069.

## THE WARTIME PRICES AND TRADE BOARD FARMERS' BULLETIN

### BEANS, GRADED AND PRICED

To provide improved properly-graded products, on June 15, when the 75 cent a bushel subsidy paid farmers was removed, the grading of white and yellow eye beans became effective. There are now four grades with appropriate maximum prices for each. It is the Board's intention that the new price schedule for this year's crop (which covers certain types of both domestic and imported dry beans) will provide both growers and processors returns comparable to 1945.

Provision is made for ceiling prices adjustments for Red Kidney, Cranberry, Lima and Bayou beans in relation to the maximum prices for the white and yellow eye beans.

### CHERRY PRICES

1946 maximum ceiling prices for Canadian grown sweet and sour cherries will remain the same as those for 1944 and 1945. The same ceilings also apply to imported cherries sold between June 17 and September 30.

Domestic cherries (i.e., British Columbia and Ontario cherries) are priced f.o.b. shipping point, except for buyers within 15 road miles of such point, who must receive free delivery; or when the grower makes delivery beyond this limit in his own truck he may add the actual cost of transportation provided it is not more than less-than-carlot express.

### LAMB AND BEEF PRICES

Maximum prices for carcasses and sides of spring lamb in effect from May 1 to July 15 were extended to August 31.

Wholesale ceiling prices on "red" and "blue" quality beef were reimposed on July 20, at levels varying from one to two cents per pound higher. Adjustments were also made in retail pricing according to zones. Blue brand beef was removed from the "commercial" grade and placed on a separate basis.

### FARMERS' RATION COUPONS

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August 22.....	Q-1	Q-1	..
August 29.....	R-19	Q-2	..

Note:—Meat coupons M40 to M50 and butter coupons R10 to R17 will expire on the 31st of August.

### INSPECTION OF CORN

Compulsory inspection of Canadian Eastern, Western Yellow and White corn by the Board of Grain Commissioners to be shown by certificates was announced June 29. The Order provides a greater producer price spread between corn of high and low moisture content. A difference of 15 cents a bushel is allowed in the price of white corn over yellow corn of similar grade and quality.

### NON-FARMER SLAUGHTERERS

A non-farmer householder (one whose main livelihood is not derived from farming or ranching), who raises livestock for his own use, may slaughter a maximum of two head of livestock per year, provided his application to the Regional Meat or Foods Officer has been approved. He must surrender meat coupons to the Local Ration Board on the same basis as farmer slaughterers.

### CASUAL GIFTS

A primary producer, or one of his household, who wishes to make a casual gift of a rationed commodity, coupon "free", must first obtain a letter of authority from the nearest Branch Office of the Board.

### APRICOT CEILINGS

For apricots produced in British Columbia and sold in Canada, and imported apricots sold west of Port Arthur, ceiling prices on the same level as last year will be in effect from July 15 to September 28. For B.C. grown apricots the shippers' price is \$1.65 for an 18-pound case f.o.b. shipping point.

### CANNING SUGAR—PRISONERS OF WAR

A farmer who employs prisoners of war for two months or longer, as regular employees, may apply to his Local Ration Board for extra sugar coupons for each prisoner employed. If the prisoner of war is replaced by another, he may not apply again.

### DAIRY BUTTER PRODUCERS

Dairy Butter producers (other than authorized butter reporters) must register with their respective Local Ration Boards even if the butter they produce is used in their own households only and is not sold.

### CUSTOM CANNING

A consumer who takes fruit to a customs canner for canning or processing is only required to surrender coupons to the processor or canner for the sugar supplied by the processor or canner.

### MAXIMUM PRICES FOR HENS

To maintain maximum egg production, the scheduled time for the 2½ cent drop in maximum prices for hens was extended from July 1 to August 1.

### SPANISH ONION PREMIUMS

For the entire period July 16 to December 31, the premium for Spanish type onions will be re-established.

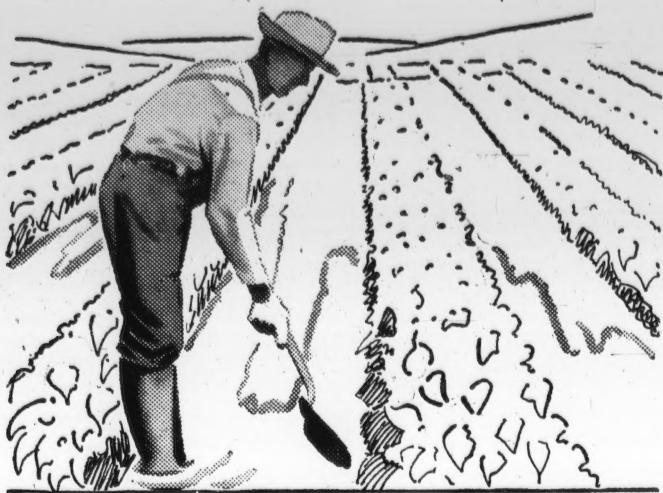
For further particulars of any of the above orders apply to the nearest office of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board.

### But Where Are the Suits?

OTTAWA, Ont.—Workers in the Canadian woollen yarn and cloth industry, as at April 1st, 1946, numbered 50 per cent more than in 1939, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics announces.

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## MUSTARD AND CRESS

By SYDNEY MAY

Hello, Folks!

We hear that the editor of this great family journal has been vacationing. We understand that he had a heck of a time trying to figure out which week-end would be summer this year.

And that reminds us that an Alberta authority on crops says that the per cent acreage damaged by hail over the whole Province is negligible. With all due respect to this authority we beg to state that the damage over the whole province may be small, but to the guys who are hailed out it is never negligible. (Later reports say the total also is now very heavy.)

Out at New Westminster a logger is reported to have been married nine times. Gosh! And we thought it was only cats who could escape that number of times.

After acting as pinch hitter for this column several times, Volodimir Barabash has come to the conclusion that making jokes for a living is no joke.

During the first quarter of this year, Great Britain exported more than twelve million dollars worth of china-ware. Now who says the Old Country is going to pot?

"Crossed World to Claim His Three-Foot Bride"—headline in the *Daily Mirror*. Measuring love by the yardstick, so to speak.

### IN TRANSIT

*Our life upon this earth lasts but a spell;*

*Our soul portrays itself in near and far.*

*The dust of hearts that we have loved so well  
Shall glow and twinkle in some future star.*

—Volodimir Barabash.

According to U.C.Y. Lore, Chivalry is the attitude of a man towards a strange woman.

Yep, but as someone or other once told us, a man always judges a woman by men's standards, which probably accounts for the fact that he's always wrong.

### THIS IS TERRIBLE

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She: No, I said.

He: Aw, Gosh, Mum—all the rest of the kids are going barefoot.  
—Thenx to Jimmy M., Calgary.

### WHAT'S COOKING?

Dr. Edith Summerskill, Parliamentary Secretary to the British Ministry of Food, says that wives spend too much time over the stove. And that, of course, is hot news from the kitchen.

The first woman coroner has just been appointed in England. Trust the dear gals to be in at the death.

News item states that a woman tried unsuccessfully to stowaway on a plane in a flight from South Africa to London. Ah, the flying baggage! She got the air!

Postcard from Cynical Gus says that by the time the Federal Government gets around to providing adequate old age pensions the kids who are now getting the benefit of baby bonuses will be old enough to take advantage of them. Yep, Gus, but the present oldsters will be dead.

Over at Barnsley, the gravediggers went on strike. We trust that people were able to forego dying until the dispute was settled.

### BREAD

*Be gentle when you touch bread,  
Let it not be uncared for, unwanted.  
Too often bread is taken for granted.*

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Beauty of patient toil;  
Wind and rain caressed it.  
Christ often blessed it.*

*Be gentle when you touch bread.*

—Land Girl.

### OUCH! OUCH!! OUCH!!!

Leicester seamless stocking workers have been given a big raise in wages. That Seems to be a good thing.

### ISN'T IT THE TRUTH

Democracy isn't a scramble where everyone seeks place, but an ensemble where everyone takes part.

Summerside (P.E.I.) Journal  
But it's a heck of a small part after Mr. Ilsley has taken his share.

Oh hum, the leaders of the nations are holding so many conferences these days we are beginning to wonder whether the peace will stand it.

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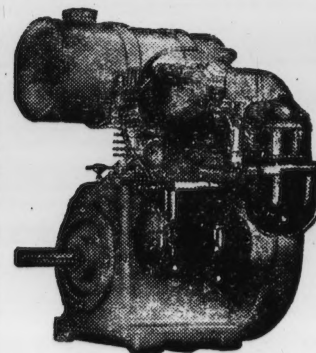
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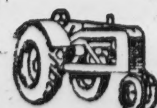
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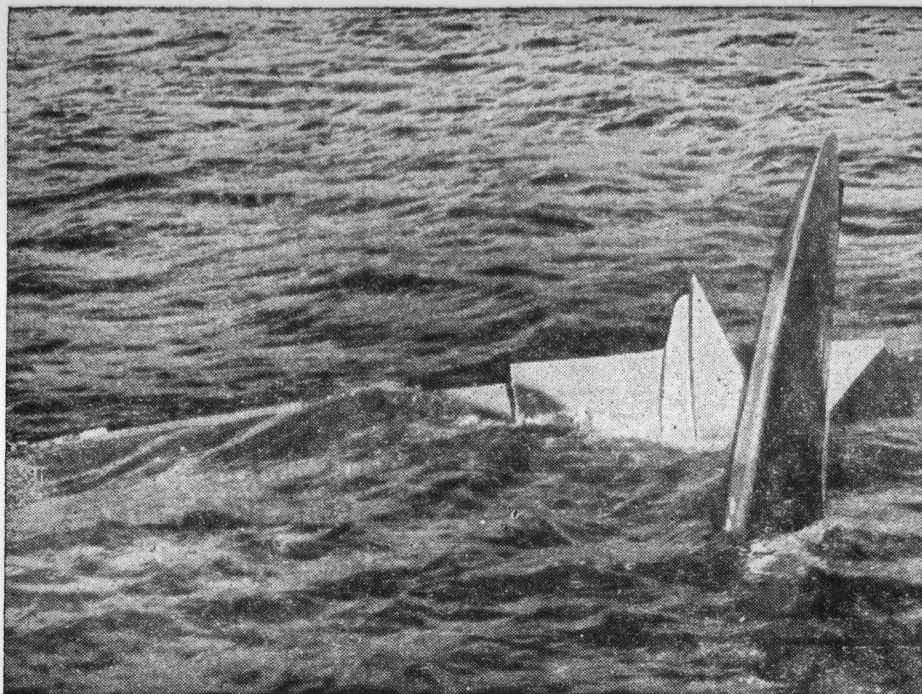
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With all its problems is fast approaching.

**WE ARE PREPARED** - - to handle the supply problem for you, as far as GASOLINES, DISTILLATES, FUEL, LUBRICATING OILS AND GREASES are concerned, at our 125 Bulk Plants.

**OUR AGENTS** will do everything possible to keep you supplied.

*You Can Help*—by placing your orders in advance and by using a minimum number of containers.

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